

(b) the criteria laid down for selection of these teachers;

(c) whether the Government are aware of the large scale manipulation being committed in the list of teachers recommended by Government of Bihar; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Union Government to check this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAKIA): (a) and (b). A statement is attached.

(c) Govt. of Bihar has informed that there has been no manipulation in the list of teachers recommended for National Award.

(d) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

(a) Number of National Awards allocated to the State of Bihar in the primary and secondary category is seven and five respectively.

(b) Criteria laid down for selection of teachers for the National Award is given below:

- Classroom teachers with atleast 15 years teaching experience and Headmasters with 20 years of experience and who are actually working as teachers/headmasters in recognised primary/middle/high/higher secondary schools only shall be considered. Teachers who are teaching upto class VIII should be considered in the category of Primary School Teachers and those teaching classes IX-XII in the category of Secondary School Teachers.
- Normally retired teachers are not eligible for the award but those teachers who have served a part of the calender year (atleast for four months) may be considered if they fulfil all other conditions.
- Teachers whose names were recommended last year or before can be considered again if they are still otherwise eligible and are recommended by the State Government/Union Territory Administration.
- Teachers from the recognised institutions for the physically and mentally handicapped are also eligible for the awards, provided they fulfil all other prescribed conditions.
- Educational administrators (Inspectors of Education etc.) and the staff of training colleges are not eligible for these awards.

In addition to the above, the main considerations which should guide the selection of teachers are:

- Teacher's reputation in the local community.
- His/her academic efficiency and desire for its improvement.
- His/her genuine interest in and love for children.
- His/her involvement in the social life of the community.

[English]

Mosques under Archaeological Survey of India

3750. SHRI E. AHAMED:
SHRI GULAM RASOOL KAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that a number of mosques in different States, are at present under the management and supervision of the Archaeological Survey of India;

(b) if so, the number of such mosques, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government are aware that Muslims are not allowed to perform religious prayers (Namaz) five times every day in such mosques, particularly in Humayun Moqbara (Madarsa masjid);

(d) if so, whether the Government have the plan to allow the Muslim community to offer Namaz in these mosques in future;

(e) whether the Government would also allow those mosques to be electrified; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMALI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The list is enclosed as statement

(c) As per the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 the religious observances are not allowed in the monuments which were not under religious use at the time of protection.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f). As per the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 and Rules made

therein the electrification of the monument is not permissible unless it is required for the maintenance and preservation of the monument.

STATEMENT

List showing the protected Mosques State-wise

State	Number
Andhra Pradesh	2
Assam	1
Arunachal Pradesh	-
Bihar	2
Delhi	24
Goa Daman and Diu	1
Gujarat	46
Haryana	5
Himachal Pradesh	-
Jammu & Kashmir	4
Kerala	-
Karnataka	8
Madhya Pradesh	21
Maharashtra	8
Manipur	-
Meghalaya	-
Nagaland	-
Orissa	-
Pondicherry	-
Punjab	3
Rajasthan	4
Tamil Nadu	5
Tripura	-
Uttar Pradesh	44
West Bengal	17
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Visit of Foreign Diplomats and Parliamentarians to Jammu and Kashmir

3751. SHRI MANGAT RAM SHARMA:
SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of heads of missions, diplomat, parliamentarians including US senators who had visited Jammu and Kashmir during 1996;

(b) the officials, personalities and political parties/groups met by each of them during their visit;

(c) whether it is a common practice for the foreign dignitaries to hold parleys with political parties during their visits;

(d) the outcome of each of their visit to Jammu and Kashmir;

(e) whether they submit their reports to their respective countries;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether the Government had granted permission to their visits; and

(h) if so, the details thereof, and the reasons therefor, visit-wise?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) Government of India place no restriction on travel of diplomats, including Heads of Missions, and Parliamentarians, to any part of India, including Jammu & Kashmir (J&K). Therefore the names of envoys and parliamentarians, including US senators who visited J&K during 1996 as enumerated in the annexure are by no means a comprehensive list of such visitors to J&K but lists only those persons who had sought specific assistance from this Ministry for visiting J&K.

(b) It is not possible to provide a comprehensive list of officials, personalities and political parties/groups met by the visiting envoys/parliamentarians during their visit to J&K, for reasons stated above. Ambassadors and Parliamentarians normally seek calls on the Governor, important political personalities and political parties and senior State Government officials. Details about meetings of the US Envoys, Senator and others are provided in the enclosed statement.